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"All Out War!" Dueling Gerrymanders?

Oh, the *outrage*! Democrat pols and their media shills are utterly *infuriated* that Texas Republicans would crib a page from the patented Democrat playbook and redraw the Congressional district boundaries to benefit the GOP. As widely reported, on July 9 Texas Governor Gregg Abbott, largely at the behest of President Trump, called a special session of the state legislature to deal with 18 issues, including flood disaster assistance, property taxes — and redistricting. President Trump has said the Texas reapportionment could flip five congressional seats currently held by Democrats to the GOP in the 2026 midterm elections. That would greatly improve the razor-thin majority the Republicans now have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Conversely, a Democrat takeover of the House would not only thwart the president's agenda and governing authority, but also virtually guarantee a replay of the Trump 45 impeachment efforts during the remainder of Trump 47. Since Republicans control the Texas Legislature, more than 50 Democratic lawmakers have fled the state to prevent the legislature from having the quorum necessary to approve the reapportionment plan. Where did they go? Mostly to Illinois, New York, and Massachusetts, all states notorious for egregious gerrymandering by Democrats.

Representative Julie Johnson (D-Texas) said the redistricting issue amounts to a "national war," and "an all-out war" in which everything is on the table. New York's far-left Democratic Governor Kathy Hochul echoed the martial rhetoric. "This is a war. We are at war," she said at a press conference with the truant Texas representatives. "And that's why the gloves are off and I say, bring it on," Hochul added.

"We're not going to roll over. And we're going to fight fire with fire," California Governor Gavin Newsom declared. "We also will punch above our weight in terms of the impact of what we're doing." Surrounded by runaway Texas lawmakers, Illinois's Democratic Governor JB Pritzker announced: "We're fighting for democracy. There are no rules anymore, apparently." Likewise, at a press conference with the errant Lone Star State Democrats, Massachussetts Governor Maura Healey denounced the Texas redistricting effort as "a partisan, craven, political power grab."

Former Obama Attorney General Eric Holder appeared on MSNBC to decry the Texas reapportionment plan as an "existential crisis for democracy." Of course, Holder is chair of the National Democratic Redistricting

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Committee, which has racked up an infamous reputation as the Democrat's gerrymandering machine. Former President Barack Obama got into the act also, claiming on social media posts, "This is a power grab that undermines our democracy." Yes, a lot of righteous posturing.

The Democratic governors are threatening to match the Texas redistricting with reapportionment schemes of their own. However, liberal-left author David Daley thinks the Democrats have a terribly difficult uphill battle. "Democrats can't gerrymander themselves out of their gerrymandering problem," he says. "The math doesn't add up. It's a war they almost certainly cannot win." Even if accurate, Daley's political calculus does not mean that Republicans will avoid a midterm debacle. Other political mavens, such as radical-left David Faris, see the GOP taking huge losses ("Republicans Look Set To Get Wiped Out in 2025 and 2026"). Faris is a professor of political science at Roosevelt University and the author of *It's Time to Fight Dirty: How Democrats Can Build a Lasting Majority in American Politics.* We highlighted his dirty fighting strategy, its promotion by the media, and its adoption by Team Biden-Harris in our September 30, 2024 cover story "Smearing Trump."

Law professor and commentator Jonathan Turley noted the irony of the Democrats' faux ire over the issue, "particularly after Texas Democrats selected Illinois as their sanctuary state, a state considered the most gerrymandered in the country." "Trump received 45 percent of the vote in the state, but Republicans have only 14 percent of the congressional seats," Turley wrote, observing further that "Even the New York Times admitted that gerrymandering has favored Democrats across the nation."

The liberal-left FiveThirtyEight political website acknowledged the state's gerrymandering sins in a 2022 article titled "Illinois May Be The Worst Democratic Gerrymander In The Country." The Gerrymandering Project of Princeton University gave Illinois an "F" overall grade for the Democrats' state "Redistricting Report Card."

Even liberal comedian Stephen Colbert couldn't help noticing the obvious ridiculousness of The Prairie State's

gerrymandered districts. He confronted Governor Pritzker with the state map, pointing particularly to the tortuously serpentine 13th and 17th Congressional Districts created by the Democrats to disenfranchise Republican voters. It looked momentarily as if Colbert might drop his hate-Trump routine for an even-handed dig at a Democrat. However, it was a total setup: Colbert let the billionaire Clinton-Obama pal dodge the issue, turning the gerrymander travesty into a joke about having been drawn by an independent commission of kindergartners with crayons. Then he helped Pritzker slither out of accountability for the Illinois gerrymandering by letting him use the diversionary claim that the Texas redistricting is all about Republicans stealing districts from black and Hispanic voters. It was par for the course for Colbert. The Media Research Center reported on August 5: "It has now been over two weeks since CBS announced it was cancelling *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert* in May 2026. However, Colbert has responded by doubling down on the same jokes and guests that made viewers (and advertising dollars) turn away in the first place. According to a new MRC study, "Colbert's political jokes targeted conservatives and Republicans 95 percent of the time, and 100 percent of his political guests were liberals in the two weeks since his cancellation."
— William F. Jasper

Runaway Reps: Soros, O'Rourke Financing Fugitive "Felons"

While members of Fake News echo chamber, euphemistically referred to as the "legacy media," have given copious friendly coverage to the truant Texas

lawmakers, they have studiously ignored mention of who is paying the bills for this misadventure. The *Texas Tribune* reported on August 5 that Powered by People, a Democratic political group started by former Representative Robert Francis "Beto" O'Rourke (D-Texas), has picked up much of the tab. According to the same report, the Soros-funded Texas Majority PAC has also helped cover such expenses as private jet flight to Illinois and out-of-state meals and lodging.

Financing the runaways could get stickier, however. Texas's Governor Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton have threatened to fine the errant pols $500 per day and have stated that using outside funds to pay the fines could be considered bribery, which is a felony.

"This is cowardice and dereliction of duty, and they should face the full force of the law without apology," Paxton said in a tweet. Abbott is also threatening to ask Texas courts to remove the absentee lawmakers from office, which would then enable him to set elections to fill the vacant seats. — William F. Jasper

Gerrymander Whitewash: Brennan Center "Experts" Stoke Confusion

So-called election experts from the Brennan Center for Justice (BCJ) are in high demand among the corporate media echo chamber for commentary on the current congressional redistricting battles. They are being trotted out now to denounce the Texas redistricting efforts and to advance the charge that Republicans are most at fault for past gerrymandering. Occasionally, media reports will mention that the BCJ is "left-leaning" or "Democrat-leaning," but, normally, the outfit is presented as an impartial think tank with authoritative analysts and important, must-see studies. There's

nothing impartial, nonpartisan, or authoritative about the BCJ's alleged expertise.

The following description of the Brennan Center's agenda by the watchdog site Discover The Networks accurately summarizes the BCJ gamebook:

> To achieve its goal of radical social change, BCJ aims to "flood the system with millions of new voters" by: (a) allowing people to become registered voters via the Internet, and then "ensur[ing] that every eligible voter is permanently registered"; (b) "creat[ing] more opportunities for Americans to vote" by mandating a minimum early-voting period; (c) imploring college students, who overwhelmingly support Democrats, to exercise their right to vote; and (d) working to overturn laws that deny nearly 6 million convicted felons their "fundamental democratic right" to vote. Condemning these laws for their "disproportionate impact on minorities," the Center characterizes them as "deeply rooted" relics of "our troubled racial history."

Not surprisingly, a close look at the vitas of BCJ "experts" shows that they are, with few exceptions, political hacks from the Clinton, Obama, and Biden administrations, and/or radical barristers from New York University School of Law (with which BCJ is formally affiliated) and globalist law firms. BCJ President Michael Waldman was a top White House policy aide and speechwriter for Bill Clinton. BCJ Co-Chair Christine A. Varney served as assistant attorney general in the Obama administration and as a federal trade commissioner in the Clinton administration. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and a partner in the CFR-aligned elite law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore. Director Leslie Bhutani is also on the board of Planned Parenthood, which has honored her for years of service and fundraising for the abortion industry. Her husband, Ashish Bhutani, is a CFR member, as well as a Planned Parenthood supporter. Vanita Gupta was an assistant attorney general under Obama and an associate attorney general under Biden. She was also a deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union. You get the picture: The Brennan

Center's advocacy is far from the non-partisan.
— William F. Jasper

Lucy Biggers: From AOC Acolyte to Small-government Conservative

In a recent video interview for *The New American's* "Unrestricted," Lucy Biggers, a millennial influencer and journalist with The Free Press, shared her journey from being a passionate supporter of Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), better known as "AOC" — even helping her get elected to Congress — to now embracing less government, less regulation, and free market capitalism.

Biggers' testimony is a compelling narrative of personal growth, ideological shift, and a reevaluation of the progressive policies she once championed. The interview offers valuable insights for those seeking to understand the insidious allure of socialism among young people and a potential path to red-pilling others currently ensnared by it.

Biggers recounts how in 2017, after Democrats just had a "shellacking" in the 2016 election, she was living in New York City and got invited to a party in Manhattan "for unknown Democratic candidates who were going to run for office." Among those present was Elissa Slotkin, now the junior U.S. Senator from Michigan; and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, before she became a household name — thanks in part to Biggers. At the time, AOC was living in the Bronx, where she was working as a bartender and waitress at a Mexican restaurant. AOC's only experience in politics up until that point was working as an organizer for Bernie Sanders' failed presidential campaign in 2016.

Biggers took a liking to AOC and got her contact information. Two months later, Biggers invited AOC to the studio of NowThis Media, a New York-based left-wing social-media news organization where Biggers was working as a video producer. "She came off really super authentic," Biggers recalled, noting the parallels between AOC's charisma and her breakthrough with younger voters and that of current Democratic New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani. The interview went viral, especially after the AOC campaign reposted it online, further amplifying its reach and in turn propelling AOC to national prominence.

Biggers' support for AOC was part of a leftward shift that began in her teenage years, influenced by the unpopularity of George W. Bush contrasted by the optimistic rhetoric of "hope" and "change" from Barack Obama. She was in college at the time of Obama's election and admits to being "very, very left-wing" during that period. Her leftist beliefs were further reinforced by work culture she experienced in the NowThis newsroom, which was steeped in identity politics and cultural Marxism. There she quickly learned to self-censor on certain topics that were taboo to discuss, "accept" that she had "white privilege," and refer to herself as "cisgender," and conform to the accepted will and Aesopian language of the group.

The turning point for Biggers came during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, which exposed the contradictions of her tightly held "woke" beliefs. At the time, Biggers was a climate activist who had advocated for the Green New Deal and a plastic-free lifestyle. But when she realized the reality — amid all of the lockdowns of cities and shutdowns of industries around the world — that global emissions only decreased by five percent, she began to question the environmentalist/climate narrative. "If the climate movement is asking us to get to net zero by

2050, what do they want us to do?" she questioned, highlighting the impracticality of such demands.

This realization, coupled with the "white guilt" and shame she felt from adopting woke leftist ideologies in order to fit in, prompted her to reevaluate her beliefs. She described having been "indoctrinated" into a mindset that demonized capitalism and so-called privileged individuals — a perspective she now sees as "destructive." Her shift toward a conservative worldview was further solidified by becoming a mother.

Biggers' critique of socialism is particularly relevant, as she articulates the dangers of policies that promise "free" goods and services but ultimately lead to economic ruin. She expressed concern about Mamdani's mayoral candidacy, describing him as a "suave character" who appeals to young voters with his social-media presence and promises of government-run grocery stores and a $30 minimum wage.

"None of his policies make sense because in one video he's saying we should get rid of red tape for small business owners. Another one is raising the minimum wage to $30 an hour. And you realize the bodega has to pay their workers $30 an hour. That's also going to bankrupt them. And then another one is let's have a free grocery store. And you're like, that's also going to compete with the bodega owner. So, which one is it? You want to support small businesses, but then you want to undercut them with government-run grocery stores, and then you want to force them to pay their workers an exorbitant amount," Biggers observes of Mamdani's promises. "It's kind of just a piece together, throwing anything at the wall to just appeal to the masses," she said, noting Mamdani's inconsistency and lack of good governance experience.

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Biggers' fear is that if Mamdani is elected and implements his radical ideas, the city could see a flight of wealthy taxpayers — reducing the city's tax base and further straining public services.

Biggers' overall testimony demonstrates that it is possible to break free from the Left's web of lies and embrace the principles of individual responsibility and smaller government. When comparing the sentence from her article in The Free Press that said, "We need less government in our lives, less regulation, and lower taxes so that individuals can flourish and create capital and prosperity," to the mission statement of The John Birch Society, "Less government, more responsibility, and — with God's help — a better world," Biggers said, "I couldn't agree more."

Her advice to those seeking to influence liberal or socialist friends and family is to approach conversations with empathy, share personal experiences, and use real-world examples to illustrate the abject failures and inconsistences of left-wing/socialist policies. Her journey is a reminder that ideological shifts away from collectivism can and do occur through lived experience and an honest critical self-evaluation of such beliefs.

Lucy Biggers' interview with *The New American* is a powerful testament to the potential for change within individuals and society. It reinforces the importance of advocating for limited government, personal responsibility, and free markets, while also providing a strategy for reaching those still beguiled by leftist ideology. As New Yorkers living in the five boroughs face an important mayoral election this November, Biggers' testimony serves as an optimistic call to action for those who value individual liberty. New York City and the New York tri-state area as a whole don't need to be hard blue socialist enclaves. The level of voter understanding there can and should change.

One can watch and share *The New American's* video interview with Lucy Biggers on TheNewAmerican.com and on our YouTube and Rumble channels.
— Christian Gomez

Tom Tiffany Tackles Globalism, Communist China, and Canadian Wildfires

In an exclusive interview for *The New American's* "Unrestricted," U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany of Wisconsin's seventh congressional district reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to protecting American sovereignty and independence from the encroaching globalist tentacles of nascent world-government bodies and from Communist China's malign Marxist influence.

Conducted by this author, the interview highlighted Representative Tiffany's bold legislative initiatives and his serious concern for threats to U.S. sovereignty and independence, making it a must-watch for our regular readers, Americanists, and patriots wary of international entanglements and the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) actions.

Tiffany, who garnered a perfect 100-percent score in *The New American's* most recent Freedom Index, has been leading the charge against globalist international institutions such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). For example, his No WHO Pandemic Preparedness Treaty Without Senate Approval Act (H.R. 4207) demands that any WHO pandemic-related agreements be classified as treaties, therefore requiring a two-thirds Senate vote for approval under Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution. Tiffany's resolution is a direct response to the Biden administration's past flirtations with ceding U.S. health policy over to the WHO, which Tiffany warns is virtually controlled by Communist China. Citing the disastrous Covid protocols, Tiffany emphasized:

> We know that this is going to happen again if we allow China and the global cabal with the World Health Organization to control Americans' healthcare. And, I mean, that's just a certainty that they're going to try to foist stuff on us, like the Covid protocols that were in place a few years ago that are being proven day after day to have been an utter disaster for the American people. We should not give up our sovereignty in regards to this.

With mainstream media news reports of more than 7,000 cases of the chikungunya virus in China's Guangdong province prompting authoritarian measures by the CCP reminiscent of Covid lockdowns, Tiffany's bill is more urgent than ever to help prevent the next globalist "Covid 2.0" scenario.

Tiffany also expressed support for exiting the WHO entirely, aligning with Representative Andy Biggs' resolution (H. Res. 54) to repeal U.S. membership. While not yet a co-sponsor, Tiffany signaled openness to backing it, saying, "these international arrangements that we've been getting into, they're really not serving the interests of the American people. Almost all of these organizations end up kowtowing to China."

As noted above, Tiffany's skepticism of globalist bodies extends to the WTO, and he has introduced H.J. Res. 93 to withdraw U.S. membership from that organization. Co-sponsored by constitutionalist stalwarts, such as Andy Biggs, Thomas Massie, and Scott Perry, Tiffany's legislation aims to force a congressional vote to reassess the WTO's impact and whether the U.S. should remain a member. Of his resolution to *Get US Out!* of the WTO, Tiffany told *The New American*:

> The goal is to get a vote of Congress. Let's find out what congressional members are for getting us out of these entanglements like the World Trade Organization, because it really harms us here in America. There's … a requirement every five years that it come before Congress and we can choose whether to vote on it or not. We put forth a bill saying, yes, let's vote on it, and would be the first time since 2005.… We've turned over our sovereignty to these international bodies. We've given up the

> advantages we have of freedom and liberty and turned it over to Communist China.

Tiffany also argues that the WTO has enabled Communist China to steal U.S. intellectual property, undermining American interests. “China basically got a free pass being able to get into the World Trade Organization.” Now, Tiffany contends, “they’re stealing our intellectual property [and] coming in here with malign motives.”

On the domestic front, Tiffany’s Colleges for the American People Act (H.R. 4740), co-introduced with Congressman Andrew Clyde of Georgia, targets the H-1B visa cap exemption for universities, which has allowed foreign workers, including many from Communist China, to fill high-paying academic jobs. Tiffany rejects claims that this “cheap labor” lowers tuition, arguing instead that it displaces American graduates burdened by student debt. And when colleges respond that the American college graduates aren’t skilled enough for some of these research and university jobs, Tiffany said “that’s an indictment of the higher education.”

He also raised alarms about CCP assets having access to sensitive research. “It’s very clear that intellectual property has been stolen from our research universities,” Tiffany claimed. He further citied incidents such as Chinese nationals at the University of Michigan accessing crop-damaging pathogens, saying:

> There were … a couple of students that were going to the University of Michigan and they were going to spread pathogens that would harm our cereal crops. I mean, that’s the kind of stuff that China does because … Communist China seeks hegemony over the world here in the 21st century.

Tiffany’s concerns about CCP infiltration also extend to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), an unincorporated U.S. territory comprised of 14 islands located in the northwestern Pacific Ocean. He has called for ending the CNMI’s visa-waiver program that the CCP has exploited for “birth tourism.” Pregnant Chinese women have used this loophole to secure U.S. citizenship for their children, potentially creating a

beachhead for the CCP on U.S. soil near Guam. In the event of a future military conflict over Taiwan, both Guam and the CNMI would serve as key strategic U.S. positions for launching missiles and transporting vital U.S. miliary assets and personnel.

Tiffany’s previous request to Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to rescind this waiver highlights his broader fight to deter Communist China. “We’re in a grand battle here. We won the 20th century. People recognize the 20th century as an American century. What is the 21st century going to be if we get entangled in these international organizations? And if we allow our intellectual property and our security to be breached by Communist China? We’re going to pay the price,” Tiffany stressed.

He also expressed openness to an congressional investigation into possible CCP-linked corruption in the CNMI, particularly following the sudden and mysterious death of Governor Arnold Palacios, who had just been calling to investigate CCP-linked public corruption on the islands shortly before his death.

Turning to his home state of Wisconsin, Tiffany addressed the recurring Canadian wildfires contaminating Wisconsin’s air quality — a genuine health concern affecting residents, especially those who are asthmatic, including the interviewer and this author. Tiffany blamed poor forest management and a “preservationist mentality” on the part of the Canadian government, and urged them to adopt advanced detection and suppression technologies, such as satellites and drones, and to crack down on arson.

“They have massive national forests up there, but there is advanced technology that you can deal with some of this,” Tiffany explained. “And the other thing is they need to stop accepting arson because so many of these

are started via arson, and they need to come down hard on those people that are destroying their forests, because they couldn't do any more harm if they had factories billowing that smoke down into the Upper Midwest."

Tiffany suggested leveraging trade negotiations with Canada, to pressure the Canadian government into action, which aligns with President Trump's tough stance on fair trade practices.

One can watch and share *The New American's* video interview with Congressman Tom Tiffany on TheNewAmerican.com and on our YouTube and Rumble channels. — Christian Gomez

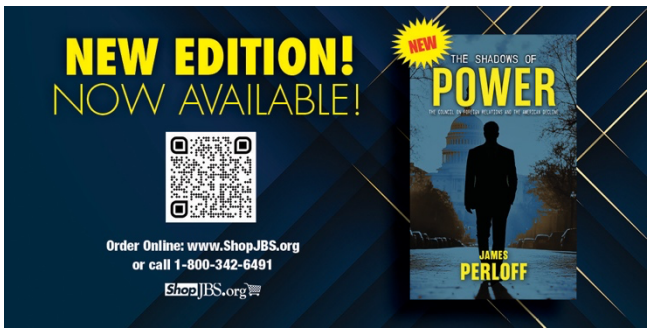
Freedom Index Scores for 119th Congress Now Available

The New American has published the first Freedom Index and Congressional Scorecards for the 119th Congress, revealing U.S. representatives' and senators' adherence to the U.S. Constitution.

During campaign season, candidates (especially Republicans) often have conservative, patriotic rhetoric — but do their records after getting elected match what they say on the campaign trail? The Freedom Index separates legislators' rhetoric from their records, using the U.S. Constitution as its criteria.

How has Congress performed so far this year? *TNA* reports:

> The average House score for this index is 36 percent (69 percent for the Republicans and two percent for the Democrats), and the average Senate score is 42 percent (79 percent for the Republicans and one percent for the Democrats). Fourteen representatives and three senators earned 100 percent.



If your representative and senators scored well, thank them and encourage them to continue voting in alignment with the Constitution. If they scored poorly, urge them to improve their records in the future. And in both instances, give them, their staffs, and their constituents copies of the Freedom Index and Congressional Scorecards.

To read the first Freedom Index for the 119th Congress, click here. To access your congressmen's individual Scorecards, click here. And to purchase copies of the Freedom Index that originally appeared in the August issue of *TNA*, click here. — Peter Rykowski

Albania Aims for "First Cashless Society" by 2030

Albania's government is aiming to eliminate cash and implement a digital currency. *Politico* reports:

> In a country where cash is king, Prime Minister Edi Rama's ambition to make Albania go without by 2030 would turn society on its head.…
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> The center-left government wants to free Albania from what the European Commission's 2024 country report described as a "large informal economy" that impedes business and competition (not to mention diminishing tax revenues).
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> Estimates put the gray economy — the portion of the economy not accounted for in official statistics — at between 29 percent and 50 percent of gross domestic product.
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> Spiro Brumbulli, secretary general of the Albanian Banking Association, told POLITICO that the government and institutions would establish a plan to pave the way to go cash-free, with next steps including a ceiling for purchases made with physical currency, integrating with the EU's SEPA payment system by October, and rolling out SEPA instant payments soon after.…
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> While the ambition to go cashless by 2030 is bold, success still hinges on the introduction of low-cost, easy-to-access digital payment

> infrastructure — potentially including a central bank digital currency or national instant payment platform.

In other words, the Albanian government is upset that it doesn't have full control and oversight over the economy and its citizens, and is seeking to impose that control — whether its citizens like it or not.

As *The New American* has previously reported, a digital currency is a crucial component of the Insiders' plan to fully control humanity — and it is essential that we prevent one from being established in the United States. Contact your U.S. senators, and urge them to enact H.R. 1919, the Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act, which has already passed the House. Also contact your state legislators, and urge them to enact robust legislation nullifying any potential federal central bank digital currency. — Peter Rykowski

Intel CEO's Troubling Ties to CCP

On August 6, Senator Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas) sent a letter to the Intel Corporation's Board of Directors Chairman Frank Yeary expressing concern over Intel CEO Lip-Bu Tan's investments and ties to semiconductor firms that are reportedly linked to the Chinese Communist Party and the People's Liberation Army.

"I write to express concern about the security and integrity of Intel's operations and its potential impact on U.S. national security," Senator Cotton said in his letter. "In March 2025," he continued, "Intel appointed Lip-Bu Tan as its new CEO. Mr. Tan reportedly controls dozens of Chinese companies and has a stake in hundreds of Chinese advanced-manufacturing and chip firms. At least eight of these companies reportedly have ties to the Chinese People's Liberation Army."

The letter continues:

> Mr. Tan was most recently the CEO of Cadence Design Systems, a company that makes electronic design automation (EDA) technology, which is a key enabler of advanced chip design. Last week, Cadence pleaded guilty to illegally selling its products to a Chinese military university and transferring its technology to an associated Chinese semiconductor company without obtaining licenses. These illegal activities occurred under Mr. Tan's tenure.
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> Intel was awarded nearly $8 billion from the CHIPS and Science Act, the largest grant to a single company. Intel is required to be a responsible steward of American taxpayer dollars and to comply with applicable security regulations….

The full letter may be read here.

President Trump called for Lip-Bu Tan to resign as Intel CEO, arguing he is "highly conflicted."

"The CEO of INTEL is highly CONFLICTED and must resign, immediately," he wrote on Truth Social. "There is no other solution to this problem. Thank you for your attention to this problem!" — William F. Jasper

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